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SUBJ: AMCIT ROSEMARY ANN CONWAY

REF: A. STATE 137802; B. VIENTIANE 4215; C. STATE 136484

1. THE CASE OF MS. ROSEMARY CONWAY HAS BECOME THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE LOCAL PRESS INTEREST. THE NEWSPAPER "XAT LAO" ON JUNE 13 REPORTED THAT LAWRENCE D. WHITING, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, TOLD ITS REPORTER THAT MS. CONWAY HAD BEEN A PART-TIME TEACHER AT THE SCHOOL FOR FOUR MONTHS IN 1974. SHE WAS NOT REHIRED, HOWEVER, BECAUSE WHITING KNEW THAT SHE HAD BEEN DETAINED BY THE POLICE AND WAS ONCE ORDERED TO LEAVE LAOS. ACCORDING TO WHITING, SHE WAS DEPORTED BECAUSE IT WAS ALLEGED SHE HAD PLANNED TO HIJACK A ROYAL AIR LAO PLANE.

2. 2. THE PATHET LAO DAILY BULLETIN OF JUNE 12 AND THE JUNE 13 "VIENTIANE POST" CARRIED IDENTICAL ARTICLES ON MS. CONWAY. THEY ALLEGE THAT SHE HAD BEEN TRAVELING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN LAOS AND CAMBODIA SINCE 1974 CARRYING OUT CIA INTELLIGENCE MISSIONS. RECENTLY SHE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH LAO PILOTS IN ORDER TO GET THEM TO FLY T-28'S

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OUT OF LAOS TO LAND AT AN AMERICAN BASE IN THAILAND.

3. THE FINAL PARAGRAPH IN BOTH PUBLICATIONS STATED:

"THIS ARREST OF A CIA AGENT IS ANOTHER CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS ARE NOT YET READY TO GIVE UP THEIR EVIL TRICKS WITH THE HOPE OF REMAINING MILITARILY INVOLVED IN LAOS. REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT PEOPLE'S PROTEST GROUPS IN VIENTIANE AND VARIOUS OTHER CITIES HAVE DEMANDED THE OUSTER OF THE IMPERIALIST AMERICANS FROM LAOS. AMERICA STILL WANTONLY USES ITS CIA AGENTS IN ACTIVITIES TO DESTROY THE PEACE AND UNITY OF THE NATION OF LAOS. AT THE SAME TIME THE THAI REACTIONARIES CONTINUE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE CIA IN ALLOWING IT TO USE THAI TERRITORY FOR ITS AGGRESSIVE AND INFILTRATION ACTIVITIES AGAINST LAOS."

4. EMBASSY ON JUNE 13 TELEPHONED FOREIGN MINISTRY TO ASK WHAT DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN REGARDING RELEASE OF SUBJECT. WE WERE TOLD THAT CASE WAS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED AND NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE. (SOME WIRE SERVICES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE FILED STORIES STATING THAT FORMAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN PLACED AGAINST SUBJECT; WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THESE STORIES ARE BASED ON LPF ACCUSATIONS IN PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS AND DO NOT RPT NOT RELLECT ANY GOVERNMENTAL ACTION.)

5. CONSUL ALSO REQUESTED PERMISSION TO VISIT SUBJECT AGAIN ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY MEDICAL OFFICER BUT WAS TOLD BLUNTLY THAT ACCESS HAD BEEN GRANTED TWICE THIS WEEK (JUNE 9 AND 11) AND ANOTHER VISIT WAS NOT NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. PROTOCOL OFFICER TOLD US THIS DECISION CAME FROM FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET SOUBANH SRITHIRATH; PROTOCOL OFFICER ALSO SAID,THOWEVER, THAT ANOTHER VISIT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN TWO OR THREE DAYS.

6. GIVEN PREVAILING ATTITUDE OF FONMIN OFFICIALS, WE WILL DEFER NEXT APPROACH UNTIL JUNE 16 IN HOPE THAT SENSATION-ALISM WHICH NOW ATTACHES TO THIS CASE WILL HAVE DMINISHED. MESSAGE FROM FAMILY (REF C) WILL BE CONVEYED DURING NEXT VISIT.

7. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE VISIT BY FAMILY MEMBER TO VIENTIANE AND/OR UDORN, WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT WORTHWHILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT THIS TIME (UNLESS UDORN IS AWARE OF SOME SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING CARE OF CHILD). HOWEVER, IF SUBJECT IS EVENTUALLY EXPELLED TO THAILAND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF A FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS INFLUENCE OVER SUBJECT COULD ESCORT SUBJECT BACK TO U.S.

8. FYI, CORRESPONDENTS HAVE TOLD USIS THEY SHARE OUR VIEW OF SUBJECT'S MENTAL STATUS BUT FOR ETHICAL AND

LEGAL REASONS ARE NOT ABLE TO SAY SO IN THEIR STORIES.

9. FOR BANGKOK: WE WILL REPEAT REFTELS AND OTHER TRAFFIC
ON THIS CASE, PARTICULAR IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY THAT SUBJECT,
ONCE EXPELLED, WOULD HAVE TO DEPART THAILAND BY COMMERCIAL
AIR AND UNDER ESCORT.
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